

Illinois residents are employed at these manufacturing facilities. Last year, these employees received a total of \$ 24.4 million in wages, salaries and fringe benefits. Services and goods purchased within the state, such as water, electricity, telephone service, raw materials and freight amounted to more than \$ 17 million in 1970. In addition, state, county and local taxes, amounting to nearly a million dollars last year, helped to pay for new schools, roads and other benefits to the state and its citizens. The value of goods produced at these manufacturing locations last year totalled \$ 70.1 million, with approximately \$14.5 million worth of these asbestos-containing products being sold within the state.

As you can see, the economic contribution of the asbestos industry in the State of Illinois is by no means small. And the figures I have just given you represent only those companies that are members of the Asbestos Information Association. There are also within the state many other concerns -- both large and small--whose livelihood depends in some measure on the use of asbestos or asbestos-containing products. Such concerns would include many segments of the construction industry, companies engaged in the manufacture of asbestos-containing products, companies which use finished asbestos-containing products in the manufacture of other products, and many others. The economic value to the State derived by the use of asbestos by these other